



## ORGANIC SYSTEM PLAN– CROP PRODUCERS

Business Name:

Certification Number:

### Section F. Weed Management Practices

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USDA organic regulations require that the producer implement management practices to prevent weeds. These practices may include crop rotation, sanitation, cultural practices, mechanical methods, and physical methods. Preventive practices must be tried and found to be ineffective before the use of any materials to control weeds.

1. Check the monitoring practices you implement to determine the effectiveness of your weed management plan.

- ☐ Observation of weeds      ☐ Other (please specify):
- ☐ Observation of crop health
- ☐ Comparison of crop yields

2. Describe the frequency of the weed monitoring activities on your farm.

3. Check the preventive weed control strategies you implement on your operation.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mowing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Flame weeding | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical cultivation  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crop rotation     | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural mulch | <input type="checkbox"/> Stale seed bed          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field preparation | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic mulch | <input type="checkbox"/> Cover crops             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crop spacing      | <input type="checkbox"/> Hand weeding  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |

4. Describe the records you maintain regarding your weed management strategies.

5. If preventive weed controls are not effective, do you plan to apply approved weed control materials?

☐ Yes    ☐ No

**Tip!** Preventive practices must be implemented and found to be ineffective before the use of any materials to control weeds. List all weed control materials you plan to use in the Materials Inventory.